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1. Under the direction of Ricardo Merazo the Comite Revolucionario Estudiantil (CRE) has now begun to enlarge the scope of its activity and bids fair to become a vital link in the Communist program being developed in El Salvador. Established originally to control the publication of Opinion Estudiantil, the CRE is in the process of entering the field of National politics and is developing plans to recruit the youth of El Salvador for Communist purposes. On 22 May 1950, the following Communists met with Merazo to devise means to promote their plans: Rodolfo Jenkis, Rodrigo Antonio Gamero, Arturo Castro Shott, Francisco Martinez, and Oscar Bocanegra. This group reached agreement on the following ambitious program for the CRE:
- (a) Organize action groups of students, workers and intellectuals.
 - (b) Organize a Salvadoran "Alianza Juvenil Democratica."
 - (c) Redirect Opinion Estudiantil along lines closer to the Marxist doctrine.
 - (d) Organize clandestine Marxist study groups.
 - (e) Penetration of the Osorio government, with particular emphasis on the departments dealing with matters affecting labor.
 - (f) Work for the displacement of government officials who oppose "liberal" objectives.
2. Another important activity was inaugurated at this meeting when tentative plans were drawn up for a national organization to be known as Accion Revolucionaria Salvadorena (ARS). The purpose of this organization is to gain political power by whatever means available. To reach this end the ARS will attempt to enlist the support of elements in opposition to the present government and those who oppose the incoming regime of Major Oscar Osorio. The assignment of responsibilities to bring the ARS into being is as follows:

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- (a) Ricardo Merazo, director of the CRE in control of all activities of the ARS.
 - (b) Rodolfo Jenkins, Rodrigo Antonio Gamero, Arturo Castro Shott and Gilberto Lara, all members of the CRE in charge of ARS activities within Asociacion General de Estudiantes Universitarios Salvadoreños (AGEUS) and Opinion Estudiantil.
 - (c) Oscar Bocanegra and Francisco Martinez, members of the CRE charged with syndicate matters and ARS relations with the Comité de Reorganizacion Obrera (CRO).
 - (d) Pedro Samuel Ramirez and Ana R. Ochoa, members of the CRE in charge of ARS recruitment of leftist elements in the Liga Femenina Salvadoreña (LFS) and the Partido Accion Renovadora (PAR).
3. Ricardo Merazo is a newcomer to a position of importance in the Communist student faction. A senior in the Law School, he is well versed in Marxist theory and possesses qualities of leadership that should enable him to improve his position in Party circles. Of the others mentioned, only Lara, Bocanegra, Martinez, and Ramirez have records of previous activity on a relatively high level in the Communist Party of El Salvador.